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Why the Indians Dance

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Unlike the social dances of the white man, the ageless dances of the Indian have great significance to tribe and dancers alike. Each dance is a ceremony filled with meaning.

Indians dance for good health and for happiness, for rain or sun; for good crops and good hunting; for appeasement to "good spirits" and to beg their blessings. They dance to frighten away "evil spirits" which bring suffering, hunger and death.

Through their dances they talk to their gods.

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LITTLE BEAVER

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AI-EE / WHAT WE DO-UM FOR FUN IN TOWN THIS TIME, LITTLE BEAVER?

WE NOT GO-UM FOR FUN / INJUN AGENT SENT ME ON HEAP IMPORTANT BUSINESS...!

IMPORTANT? HMPH! ALL HIM ASK YOU TO DO IS DELIVER-UM NOTE FOR HIM!

WELL, IT NOT ***EVERYBODY*** HIM TRUST-UM TO DO THAT!

AND NOBODY ELSE DO-UM FOR ONLY TWO BITS, EITHER! COME ON... WE GET THERE QUICK, SPEND IT ON CANDY...!

NO GO THAT WAY, PO-KO!

YOU RIDE-UM STRAIGHT AT BLIND CANYON! PULL-UM UP...!

YOU THINK ME NOT KNOW-UM ABOUT CANYON? WE TAKE-UM SHORT CUT THROUGH IT...!

AI-EE! LITTLE BEAVER!

HELP, LITTLE BEAVER...!

MIGUEL, LOOK! A LITTLE *CHICA* IN TROUBLE!

POBRECITA! POOR LITTLE THING!

CUIDADO! TAKE CARE, JUANITA!

MIGUEL, HAVE YOU NO HEART? WE ARE IN DANGER, YES... BUT SHE IS HURT, AND WE MUST HELP HER!

I DO NOT THINK SHE IS MUCH HURT! ONLY A SMALL CUT ON HER HAND...!

ALWAYS, HER NO PAY-UM 'TENTION TO ME! NOW, M-ME 'FRAID MAYBE SHE BE BAD HURT! PO-KO...!

I WILL TIE MY HANDKERCHIEF ABOUT HER HAND!

PO-KO! ME COME QUICK...!

SHE IS NOT ALONE! WE MUST LEAVE HERE, JUANITA!

HURRY! YOU KNOW THOSE WHO CHASE US ARE NOT FAR BEHIND!

SI, MIGUEL! I HOPE SHE WILL BE ALL RIGHT...!

JUST SIT-UM STILL, PO-KO/ ME BE THERE QUICK/

OOH.../ MY HEAD/

NEXT TIME YOU LAUGH-UM WHEN ME SAY-UM NOT DO SOMETHING, REMEMBER WHAT HAPPEN HERE/

WAIT TILL ME TELL YOU WHAT REALLY HAPPEN.../

WHILE ME LIE HERE, HEAP PRETTY LADY COME HELP-UM ME/ AND THERE BE-UM MAN WITH HER/

HUH? YOU HIT-UM HEAD TOO HARD/ YOU ONLY DREAM THAT/

OH, YES? AND MAYBE ME DREAM THIS, TOO/ SHE PUT-UM ON MY HAND/

WELL... BUT WHERE THEY GO? ME NOT SEE-UM/

THERE BE TWO RIDERS HERE, ALL RIGHT... BUT THEY GONE/ WE GO-UM TOWN NOW/

ME HOPE-UM ME MEET PRETTY LADY AGAIN SOMETIME, SO ME CAN THANK HER/

LOOK, PO-KO... HERE COME MEN ON HORSES... AND THEY BE-UM IN HEAP BIG HURRY/

BUENAS DIAS, LEETLE WANS/ MAYBE SO YOU CAN TELL US 'SOMETHEENG...?

WHAT IT BE YOU WANT-UM TO KNOW?

WE ARE LOOKEENG FOR BEAUTIFUL SEÑORITA AN' SO 'ANDSOME CABALLERO W'AT RIDE THEES WAY! YOU SEE THEM, NO?

UH...NO! ME, NOT SEE-UM!

I AM DON CARLOS MONTOYA / THE SEÑORITA IS MY DAUGHTER...AND IF YOU SEE HER, COME AND TELL ME / I WILL PAY YOU WELL!

HOW MUCH?

GOOD-BYE, DON CARLOS! COME ON, PO-KO!

WHY YOU SAY WE NOT SEE-UM PRETTY GIRL AND MAN?

ME SAY ME NOT SEE-UM ...AND THAT BE TRUE!

WELL, WHY YOU NOT SHOW-UM TRACKS OF TWO HORSES AND ASK FOR MONEY THEY PROMISE?

THOSE TWO DO-UM YOU GOOD TURN, PO-KO...NOW YOU WANT TO BE TATTLETALE FOR MONEY AND MAYBE CAUSE-UM TROUBLE!

YOU BE RIGHT! ME HEAP 'SHAMED OF SELF, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME HEAR ABOUT DON CARLOS... HIM OWN BIG RANCH! NOW WHY YOU SUPPOSE HIM OFFER MONEY TO FIND-UM DAUGHTER?

MEANWHILE...

I THEENK WE MAKE CHASE OF THE WILD GOOSE, DON CARLOS! WE LOOK EVERYWHERE AND NO SEE YOUR DAUGHTER!

WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL WE FIND HER!

I WILL NOT LET HER RUN AWAY TO MARRY MIGUEL SANCHEZ, WHO WAS ONLY ONE OF MY VAQUEROS! NO! NEVER!

I WILL TAKE HER HOME... LOCK HER IN HER ROOM UNTIL SHE FORGETS HIM! AND AS FOR MIGUEL...!

CARAMBA! RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE SHE WAVES IT... AND I DO NOT NOTICE...!

COMO? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, PEDRO?

THE HANDKERCHIEF OF YOUR DAUGHTER, THAT I GIVE HER ON LAST BIRTHDAY! IT IS ON THE HAND OF THE INDIAN ***CHICA***...!

THEN THE INDIAN CHILDREN ***MUST*** HAVE SEEN JUANITA! WE WILL GO AFTER THEM!

IN TOWN...

ME GET OFF PONY, TURN HEAD FOR ONE MINUTE, AND PO-KO DISAPPEAR! WHERE SHE GO, ANYWAY?

LITTLE BEAVER, COME HERE... QUICK!

WHY YOU NOT STAY-UM PUT...? AI-EE! WHO BE THIS?

LITTLE BEAVER, MEET-UM MY GOOD FRIEND, CHU WON!

ME VELLY GLAD MLEET FLIEND OF MISSY PO-KO! ME HUMBLE SERVANT OF HON'BLE LILLY BEAVA!

TEE-HEE! DON'T HIM TALK-UM FUNNY? BUT ME WANT YOU TO TAKE-UM LESSON FROM HIM IN MANNERS!

WHEN YOU MEET-UM HIM AND GET TO BE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS?

WHY... JUST NOW! HIS PAPA RUN-UM LAUNDRY, HIM EAT BIRD NESTS, AND TAKE-UM MONEY OUT OF MY EAR...!

THAT BE HEAP INTER-ESTING, BUT WE GOT TO DELIVER-UM NOTE...!

COME BACK HERE, AND HIM SHOW YOU!

WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT MONEY?

CHU LEE'S LAUN

HO! ME FINDEE DOLLA YOU HIDE IN NOSE, LILLY BEAVA!

THIS BE-UM GREAT MAGIC!

IF HIM SHOW ME HOW TO DO THAT, WE MAKE-UM PLENTY MONEY IN VILLAGE, PO-KO!

YOU HEAP SILLY! THAT BE-UM SAME DOLLAR HIM TAKE FROM MY EAR... IT BE-UM ONLY TRICK!

YOU THINK ME NOT KNOW-UM THAT? ME ONLY MEAN WE LEARN-UM TRICKS HIM KNOW, THEN PUT ON MAGIC SHOW!...

THAT BE WONDERFUL IDEA! WE ASK HIM!

ME NOT KNOW MANY TLICKS, BUT HON'BLE PARENT, CHU LEE, HIM ONE-TIME MAGICIAN AND KNOW PLENTY!

MAYBE HIM SHOW US SOME...?

IS GLEAT HONOR TO MEET FLIENDS OF SMALL SON!

MAYBE-SO HON'BLE FATHER SHOW MAGIC TLICKS TO MISSY PO-KO AND LILLY BEAVA?

IN BEST TLICK, ME MAKEE CHU WON DIS-APPEAR FROM BEHIND BLANKET/ ME SHOW YOU...!

THIS VELLY MYSTERIOUS! MAKEE WATCH CLOSE!

KEEP-UM EYES PEELED, PO-KO, AND SEE IF YOU CAN TELL WHERE CHU WON *GO*!

THERE BE NO PLACE HIM CAN GO... EXCEPT INTO HOLE IN GROUND!

T'ING HAO! FLEE, FLI, FLO, FLUM! CHU WON, MAKEE DISAPPEAR!

ME NOT SEE CHU WON GO AWAY, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME NOT SEE-UM, EITHER!

AI-EE! CHU WON BE GONE!

HUMPH! HIM JUST RUN OFF FAST AND HIDE...!

NO! HIM NOT LEAVE-UM TRACKS! NOW, WHAT HAPPEN TO HIM...?

ME NOT LIKE THIS! PLEASE, MISTER CHU LEE, MAKE-UM HIM COME BACK!

NOW ME SPEAKEE MAGIC WORDS BACKWARDS! FLUM, FLO, FLI, FLEE! T'ING HAO!

HO! HON'BLE SON MAKEE RETURN!

UGH! ME HEAP GLAD! AND ME NOT WANT-UM SEE ANY MORE TRICKS!

ME DO!

ME GO RIGHT NOW AND DELIVER-UM NOTE FOR INJUN AGENT!

BUT, PO-KO! IF WE LEARN-UM SECRET OF HOW CHU WON DIS-APPEAR, WE MAKE-UM HEAP MONEY WITH SHOW IN VIL-LAGE!

ME SEE CUSTOMER WHO BRINGEE SHIRTS! COME, CHU WON... YOU COUNT WHILE ME WRITE TICKET...!

YOU WAITEE HERE, HON'BLE FLIENDS! ME BE BACK VELLY SOON!

IN THE MEANTIME, PEDRO AND DON CARLOS ARRIVE IN TOWN...

FIND THE *CHICA*, PEDRO! BRING HER TO ME!

MIRA! THERE EES PONIES THAT LEETLE INDIANS RIDE! SO THEY BE SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY!

ME NOT WANT TO KNOW-UM SECRET OF THIS TRICK! IT SCARE ME!

HMM! ME REMEMBER WORDS THAT MISTER CHU WON SAY TO MAKE-UM SON DISAPPEAR! ME LIKE TO TRY-UM...!

BUT FIRST, ME NEED SOMEBODY TO STAND BE-HIND BLANKET...!

ME KNOW ALL ALONG THAT BE WHAT YOU THINK-UM 'BOUT! AND ME NOT DO IT! YOU NOT MAKE ME DISAPPEAR!

ME ONLY WANT TO DO-UM FOR PRACTICE, PO-KO! YOU NO CAN DISAPPEAR, IF ME NOT KNOW SECRET OF TRICK!

MAYBE SECRET BE IN WORDS... YOU SEND ME AWAY, AND NOT BE ABLE TO BRING-UM ME BACK!

YOU BE HEAP FOOLISH, PO-KO! STAND-UM BEHIND BLANKET, AND ME BUY YOU GUM DROPS... STICK CANDY, TOO!

NO! NOTHING MAKE ME CHANGE-UM MIND...! HUH? ALSO 'SODA' FIZZ WATER?

ALSO SODA FIZZ WATER! NOW GET BEHIND BLANKET AND ME MAKE-UM PRACTICE!

WE-ELL...!

STEP-UM RIGHT UP, EVERYBODY, AND SEE GREAT MAGIC THAT ME MAKE! KEEP-UM EYES ON BLANKET...!

STOP MAKE-UM SO MUCH TALK!

ALL RIGHT, PO-KO... ME START TO SAY-UM MAGIC WORDS!

THERE EES INDIAN GIRL! BUT... ***UN MOMENTO***, PEDRO... MAYBE SHE NOT WANT TO GO WITH YOU...!

SHE EES ONLY LEETLE ***CHICA***, PEDRO.. TAKE HER TO DON CARLOS AND FIND OUT LATER, IF SHE WANT TO GO!

SAY-UM WORDS! ME TIRED OF STANDING HERE!

ME FORGET-UM FOR MINUTE, PO-KO! BUT NOW ME REMEMBER, AND SAY REAL LOUD! TINK HOW! FEE, FI...!

...FO, FUM! NOW PO-KO MAKE-UM DISAPPEAR! SEE, PO-KO, THERE BE NOTHING TO IT! AND... PO-KO...?

EE-YAI! PO-KO REALLY MAKE-UM DISAPPEAR!

WHAT YOU MAKEE WITH BLANKET, LILLY BEAVA? AND WHERE BE MISSY PO-KO?

M-ME SAY-UM MAGIC WORDS, WITH PO-KO BEHIND BLANKET! N-NOW SHE NOT HERE!

HO! SHE FOOL YOU! NOBODY DISAPPEAR IN TLICK! ME JUST GET UNDER HON'BLE FATHER'S COAT, AND HE HOLDEE BLANKET SO NOBLODY SEE ME!

HMM! PO-KO NOT BE KND TO FOOL ME... SHE WANT-UM CANDY TOO MUCH! THERE BE-UM OTHER REA-SON SHE GO 'WAY FROM HERE...!

MAYBE-SO EVIL SPIRIT TAKE HER AWAY, LILLY BEAVA!

HMOH! HIM BE EVIL SPRIT WHO WEAR-UM BOOTS, THEN! ME GO AFTEN HIM HEAD QUICK!

ME GO WITH YOU, LILLY BEAVA!

ALL RIGHT! SEE? TRACKS LEAD-UM THIS WAY!

ME NEVER LIDE HON-'BLE PONY BEFORE, BUT THINK ME CAN DO!

UGH! GOOD! MAN TAKE PO-KO ON HORSE THIS WAY!

A THOUSAND APOLOGIES, SEÑORITA, FOR THE ROUGH WAY PEDRO TREATED YOU!

WELL... HIM BE ROUGH ONLY LITTLE B.T./ THEN HIM PROMISE TO BUY-UM HEAP MANY GUM DROPS FOR BRING-UM ME HERE!

I WILL BUY YOU EVEN MORE, *CHICA*... IF YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU GOT THAT HANDKERCHIEF ABOUT YOUR HAND!

PRETTY LADY MUST BE FAR AWAY... IT NOT MATTER, IF ME TELL-UM - NOW!

ME SHOW YOU WHERE ME GET-UM! IT BE CLOSE TO HERE...!

BUENO! PEDRO, SHE WILL RIDE WITH YOU!

A LITTLE LATER...

MIRA, DON CARLOS! THEIR TRACKS LEAD WEST!

IT HAPPEN RIGHT HERE!

SI! WE FOLLOW THEM!

TRACKS ME FOLLOW HEAD-UM STRAIGHT TO CANYON WHERE PO-KO MAKE-UM FALL DOWN!

HON'BLE PONY MAKEE TOO MUCH BOUNCE!

THEY STOP HERE FOR MINUTE THEN RIDE ON! NOW WE MAKE-UM CIRCLE, GET AHEAD, AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY BE UP TO!

HON'BLE INSIDES MAKEE FLIP-FLAP, LILLY BEAVA!

THE TRACKS GROW FRESH, DON CARLOS! SOON WE WEEL CATCH THEM!

PRETTY LADY NOT BE FAR AWAY! SOON SHE BE IN HEAP TROUBLE! AND IT BE ALL MY FAULT!

STOP, *POR FAVOR!* PLEASE...!

PO-KO SEE-UM PRETTY LADY, ALL RIGHT! THERE SHE BE!

YOU BE-UM IN TROUBLE, MAYBE?

SI! MUCH TROUBLE! THE SEÑORITA'S HORSE HAS GONE LAME! WILL YOU SELL ME ONE OF YOURS?

IT TOO LATE FOR THAT, IF ME MAKE-UM RIGHT GUESS!

ME THINK THEM TRY TO CATCH-UM UP WITH YOU!

MY FATHER... AND PEDRO! MIGUEL, TAKE YOUR HORSE AND RIDE AWAY, FAST...!

NO, *QUERIDA!* WE ARE BOTH THROUGH WITH RUNNING! I WILL STAY AND FACE HIM!

I AM AFRAID! HE HAS SUCH A TERRIBLE TEMPER!

I WILL HANDLE TH S, PEDRO! WAIT HERE!

SI, SEÑOR!

LITTLE BEAVER! HIM WILL TAKE-UM CARE OF EVERYTHING!

I WILL TEACH THAT VAQUERO A LESSON HE WILL NEVER FORGET!

AY DE MI! YOU MUST RUN, MIGUEL! HE WILL WHIP YOU!

NO! I WILL BE RESPECTFUL, BUT HE WILL NOT DO THAT...!

AI-EE! ME NOT NOTICE UNTIL NOW WHAT BE-UM IN SINK...!

TURN-UM BACK QUICK! YOU GO DOWN FAST, IF YOU NOT DO-UM! THAT BE QUICK-SAND!

COMO? QUICKSAND? IT IS A TRICK...!

TODOS LOS SANTOS! IT IS QUICKSAND! AYUDA! HELP!

I WILL SAVE YOU, DON CARLOS!

NO GO OUT THERE, OR YOU SINK-UM, TOO!

CARAMBA! UN MOMENTO, DON CARLOS...UNTIL I PULL MY FEET OUT...!

STOP JUMP-UM AROUND! THAT ONLY MAKE YOU SINK FASTER!

MI PADRE! AND PEDRO...! HELP THEM, MIGUEL!

SI! I WILL GO TO PULL THEM OUT!

YOU DO-UM THAT, AND THERE BE THREE CAUGHT!

GATHER-UM BRUSH, IN HEAP BIG HURRY! WE LAY-UM ON TOP OF QUICKSAND, SO WE NOT SINK... THEN WALK ON BRUSH TO PULL-UM OUT!

ME HELPEE, LILLY BEAVA!

THIS BE-UM ALMOST ENOUGH! BUT BRING-UM LITTLE BIT MORE, TO BE SURE!

ME COME-UM ROUND SINK, AND HELP, TOO!

WHEN ME GIVE-UM YELL, EVERYBODY PULL!

CATCH-UM HOLD, QUICK!

NO! TAKE PEDRO FIRST!

GET-UM TO SOLID GROUND FAST! AND... AI-EE! THERE BE TOO MUCH WEIGHT ON BRUSH! WE ALL START TO SINK...!

WHEW! NOW WE GET-UM MORE BRUSH...!

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME! MIGUEL... SAVE MY FATHER...!

SI! I GO TO HIM!

HOLA! I COME TO HELP YOU, DON CARLOS!

H-HURRY, MIGUEL! I SINK FAST...!

MIGUEL BE HEAP BRAVE MAN! NOW WE PILE-UM ON PLENTY BRUSH AND PULL-UM BOTH OUT!

A MOMENT LATER...

MIGUEL, I WOULD BE WITH THE SAINTS NOW, BUT FOR YOU! AND... WELL, COME BACK TO MY RANCHO.. YOU AND JUANITA WILL BE MARRIED THERE!

THIS MAKE-UM ME FEEL GOOD!

NOW ME SEE-UM CAUSE OF ALL THIS, AND NOT FEEL SO GOOD!

OH! STOP MAKE-UM FROWN! YOU FIX EVERY-THING UP, LIKE ME KNOW YOU WOULD! AND LISTEN TO WHAT DON CARLOS PROMISE ME...!

BACK IN TOWN AGAIN...

EVERYBODY GIVE US CANDY!

PASSEE CHOCOLATE DROPS, MISSY PO-KO!

AI-EE! ME GET TO SAVE TWO BITS THAT ME GET FOR DELIVER-UM NOTE!

THAT BE WHAT YOU THINK! WE SPEND-UM IT FOR SODA FIZZ WATER, SOON AS WE EAT ALL THIS!

UGH! ME NEVER WIN! PASS-UM CHOCOLATE DROPS, TOO!

LITTLE BEAVER

by FRED HARMAN

HO! ME TAKE-UM BALL CLEAR TO GOAL!

LITTLE BEAVER, ME WANT TO TALK TO YOU RIGHT NOW! ME GOT-UM HEAP BIG SURPRISE!

STOP-UM HIM!

NOT NOW, PO-KO! WAIT TILL ME FINISH-UM GAME!

ME TAKE-UM BALL AWAY FROM LITTLE BEAVER!

YEOW!

HMPH! GAMES BRAVES PLAY BE HEAP SILLY!

WHOP!

NOW LOOK WHAT YOU DO! OTHER SIDE WILL MAKE-UM GOAL, AND IT BE ALL YOUR FAULT!

ME NOT DO ANYTHING! AND IF THAT BE THE WAY YOU FEEL!..

... ME GO FIND SOMEBODY ELSE TO TELL ABOUT B.G SURPRISE!

WAIT-UM MINUTE, PO-KO! GAME BE LOST NOW, ANYWAY, SO WHAT BE-UM SURPRISE YOU TALK ABOUT?

IF ME TELL YOU, IT NOT BE-UM SURPRISE ANY LONGER! BUT YOU COME ALONG AND ME SHOW YOU!

WELL, ALL RIGHT... EVEN IF SOMETHING INSIDE SAY ME BETTER FIND OUT FIRST WHERE YOU TAKE-UM ME!

WHY YOU WALK-UM SO SLOW?

OH, IT BE NOTHING MUCH ... JUST SORE LEG THAT YOU HELP ME GET!

WELL, MAKE-UM HURRY-UP! WE GOT PLENTY THINGS TO DO BEFORE SOMEBODY ELSE FIND-UM!

FIND-UM WHAT? WHY YOU BE SO MYSTERIOUS?

WHAT BE THAT BUZZ-UM SOUND ME HEAR?

BEES! WILD BEES! AND THEY BE HEAP MAD!

WHY, ME NOT THINK WE BE THIS CLOSE YET!

AI-EE! OUCH! RUN, PO-KO... QUICK!...

HMPH! YOUR SORE LEG GET-UM WELL IN HEAP BG HURRY!

THIS BE ONLY PLACE ME KNOW WHERE BEES NOT FOLLOW-UM ME!

WAIT! ME WANT TO TELL-UM YOU SOME-THING!

ME NOT HEAR BUZZ-UM SOUND NOW, SO MAYBE BEES GO AWAY! WHAT YOU WANT TO TELL ME, PO-KO?

THAT YOU BE HEAP FOOLISH TO RUN!

EVERYBODY SAY THAT WILD BEES NOT MAKE-UM STING IF YOU STAND STILL!

YES? WELL MAYBE BEES NOT HEAR THAT YET... AND ME NOT WANT TO STAND STILL AND FIND-UM OUT!

WELL, ME TRY-UM... AND THEY NOT BOTHER ME! COME ON, NOW... WE LOSE-UM TOO MUCH TIME!

OH, NO! ME GO BACK TO VILLAGE, THANK-UM YOU!

ME HAVE BIG SUPRISE YOU PROMISE! NOW FIND SOMEBODY ELSE TO GET-UM STUNG!

WELL, ALL RIGHT! AND WHEN YOU NOT HAVE ANY SHARE IN HONEY TREE ME FIND, NO BLAME ME!

HONEY TREE! YOU BE SURE YOU REALLY FIND ONE, PO-KO?

OF COURSE, ME BE SURE! WHERE YOU THINK THOSE BEES COME FROM?

HONEY TREE BE WORTH HEAP MONEY! WHERE BE IT, PO-KO? SHOW ME QUICK!

ME... GLAD... TO... IF YOU SLOW-UM DOWN!...

THERE BE-UM HONEY TREE!

YES! ME SEE-UM BEES GO IN AND OUT! NOW HOW WE GET-UM TO GO AWAY SO WE CAN TAKE HONEY?

WHY ASK ME? FIGURE-UM OUT! THAT BE WHY ME BRING YOU HERE!

ME HEAR SOMEBODY SAY ONE TIME ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF BEES BE TO SMOKE-UM OUT!

BUT SOMEBODY HAVE TO TAKE-UM WOOD UP CLOSE TO TREE FOR MAKE-UM FIRE! ME WONDER WHO CAN DO THAT HEAP GOOD?

YOU! THAT BE WHO!

BUT, PO-KO... IT BE HEAP EASIER FOR THEM TO STING-UM ME THAN YOU!...

GO PUT-UM SHIRT ON, THEN! ME WAIT!

NO... HONEY BELONG TO WHOEVER GET TO IT FIRST! MAYBE SOME-BODY COME ALONG WHILE ME BE GONE! ME...UGH!... WILL TAKE-UM CHANCE!

ME HELP-UM GATHER WOOD!

A LITTLE LATER...

LIKE ALWAYS, PO-KO SAY HER WILL HELP ME, THEN MAKE-UM DISAPPEAR!...

LITTLE BEAVER! COME HERE QUICK AND SEE WHAT ME FIND!

ME TAKE-UM LITTLE BEAR BACK TO VILLAGE AND MAKE PET!

NO! DROP-UM CUB AND COME AWAY FROM HERE, QUICK!

WHY YOU MAKE-UM SO MUCH FUSS OVER LITTLE BABY BEAR?

BECAUSE WHEREVER YOU FIND-UM BABY, ALWAYS FIND **MAMA**... AND HERE SHE COME NOW, HEAP ANGRY!

AI-EE! HELP! NO LET-UM CATCH ME, LITTLE BEAVER!

CLIMB-UM TREE, PO-KO...WHILE ME TRY TO HOLD-UM OFF!

YOU CLIMB-UM TREE, TOO, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME NOT HAVE TIME! BESIDES, ALL OF SUDDEN ME GET-UM HEAP BIG IDEA!

IF MAMA BEAR NOT SMELL-UM HONEY TREE HEAP QUICK, ME LIABLE TO BE HEAP SORRY ME TRY THIS!

EE-YAI! NOW ME FIND-UM OUT IF IT TRUE BEARS LIKE-UM HONEY MORE THAN ANYTHING!...

HO! IT WORK-UM OUT JUST LIKE ME PLAN! SOON ALL HONEY BELONG-UM TO ME!... AND PO-KO, OF COURSE!

LITTLE BEAVER!

WE TAKE-UM HONEY TO TOWN AND SELL IT FOR MANY DOLLARS! WE BE HEAP RICH!

LITTLE BEAVER, WH-WHAT HAPPEN-UM TO YOU?

WHY YOU NOT ANSWER-UM ME? AND... HUH? WHAT YOU BE-UM DOING?

OH, HELLO, PO-KO! ME BUILD-UM FIRE!

WHY YOU BUILD-UM HERE? YOU PLAN TO CARRY IT OVER TO HONEY TREE, MAYBE?

NO... ME PLAN TO THROW IT! COME ALONG AND ME SHOW YOU!

BEES STING-UM BEARS, BUT THEY NOT FEEL-UM! IF BEARS RUN AWAY THOUGH, BEES CHASE-UM!

ME UNDERSTAND!

...AND ME NOT LET YOU DO IT! YOU NO CAN BURN-UM BEARS WITH FIRE STICKS!

.ME NOT MEAN TO BURN-UM... JUST SCARE-UM!

SHE...SHE NOT LIKE-UM! NOW ME THROW OTHERS HEAP QUICK!

LET ME THROW SOME, LITTLE BEAVER!

LOOK! SHE BE-UM ABOUT READY TO LEAVE HONEY TREE!

YES! AND BEES GO WITH MAMA BEAR! WE FOLLOW-UM, PO-KO!

WHY WE NOT STOP AND BUILD-UM FIRE FOR SMOKE TO KEEP-UM BEES AWAY?

WE DO THAT LATER! FIRST, WE GET BEES TO CHASE-UM BEARS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE! COME ON, PO-KO!...

BEES STILL CHASE-UM BEARS! ME BE HEAP SMART TO THINK OF THIS!

HMPH! STOP PAT-UM YOUR-SELF ON BACK SO HARD!

...AND COME BACK TO BUILD-UM SMOKY FIRE BEFORE BEES RETURN HOME!

ME NOT PAT-UM SELF ON BACK!

ME JUST FEEL ME DESERVE-UM CREDIT WHERE CREDIT DUE!

HO! YOU THINK YOU BE SO SMART, HUH? WELL, TAKE-UM LOOK AT THAT!

HOW YOU LIKE-UM THIS? WE DRIVE BEARS AWAY, AND EVERYBODY ELSE COME FOR HONEY WHILE BEES BE GONE!

TEE-HEE! ME THINK IT BE HEAP CUTE!

THEY NOT GET-UM AWAY WITH IT! THEY NO CAN STEAL *OUR* HONEY!

PLEASE, NO HURT-UM, LITTLE BEAVER!

NO ANIMAL GET-UM BEST OF INJUN BRAVE! THAT BE-UM *RULE* OF MY TRIBE!

UGH! ERK!

OF COURSE, THERE BE-UM *EXCEPTION* TO *ALL* RULES!

LITTLE BEAVER

BY FRED HARMAN

ALL RGHT, ME BE READY! LET-UM GO!

WLD PONY LOOK LKE HIM BE HEAP FERCE, LITTLE BEAVER!

PICK-UM OUT SOFT SPOT FOR SIT-UM DOWN WHEN HE THROW YOU!

EE-YA! ME RIDE-UM GOOD!

HANG-UM ON TGHT WHEN HIM COME DOWN!

KEEP-UM HACKAMORE T.GHT, LITTLE BEAVER!

OOF! HIM LAND HARD!

WATCH-UM OUT FOR NEXT JUMP!

AI-EE! EVERYBODY GET-UM OUT OF WAY. QU.CK!

LITTLE BEAVER! YOU GO PLAY WITH PONY SOMEWHERE ELSE!

RUN, PO-KO!

YOU NOT HEAR ME, LITTLE BEAVER? GO AWAY!

LOOK-UM OUT! ME FALL OFF!

UGH! OUCH!

JUST LOOK-UM AT WHAT YOU DO!

NOW, PO-KO! YOU KNOW ME NOT COULD RIDE-UM WILD PONY AND GUIDE HIM, TOO!

AND YOU KNOW WE HAVE-UM PARTY HERE! YOU COULD GO SOMEPLACE FOR MAKE-UM RIDE!

SOME PEOPLE NO THINK ABOUT OTHERS AT ALL! AND YOU BE AMONG-UM!

ME NOT BREAK ANYTHING! WHY PO-KO BE SO MAD AT ME?

ME TELL YOU!

"HUH? WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT-UM, BIG ELK?

ME JUST REALIZE THIS BE AUNTIE PO-KO'S BIRTH-DAY... AND YOU NOT GIVE HER ANY PRESENT!

EE-YA! ME FORGET ALL ABOUT-UM! YOU SURE THIS BE RIGHT DAY, BIG ELK?

SURE, ME BE SURE! ME KNOW HOW TO KEEP-UM COUNT OF DAYS AND MONTHS HEAP GOOD!

WHAT ME GO-UM DO? ME NOT HAVE ANY MONEY TO BUY HER PRESENT!

ME GOT MONEY!

WHERE YOU GET MONEY FROM?

MY PAPA GIVE ME DIME EVERY DAY I BE GOOD! ME SAVE-UM WHOLE DOLLAR!

BIG ELK, YOU KNOW ME ALWAYS YOUR HEAP GOOD FRIEND! ME SAY YOU BE SMARTEST BOY IN WHOLE VILLAGE!...

SAVE-UM BREATH! ME NOT GIVE-UM YOU MY DOLLAR!

ME ONLY WANT TO BORROW IT! ME PAY YOU BACK HEAP SOON!

NO! IT BE HARD TO STAY GOOD AND MAKE-UM DOLLAR! NOW ME SPEND IT ALL BY LONESOME!

LOOK, BIG ELK, MAYBE THERE BE SOME LITTLE THING ME CAN DO FOR YOU, EXTRA... IF YOU LOAN-UM ME DOLLAR!

HMM! YOU GIVE ME BIG IDEA!

MY PAPA AND MAMA TELL ME SOMETHING TO DO! YOU DO-UM INSTEAD, AND ME LEND YOU DOLLAR!

BIG ELK, YOU BE HEAP GOOD FRIEND! ME NEVER FORGET THIS!

CHOP-UM WOOD FOR COOK FIRES!

HUH? ME NOT CHOP-UM WOOD FOR LONG TIME! THAT BE WORK FOR CHILDREN!

OH, WELL, IF YOU NOT WANT TO DO-UM, WE FORGET ALL ABOUT DOLLAR!

WAIT-UM MINUTE, BIG ELK! ME CHOP WOOD FOR YOU!

WHEW! AXE-HANDLE MAKE-UM BLISTERS ON HANDS!

CUT-UM WOOD UP IN SMALLER PIECES! THEN STACK-UM PIECES IN NEAT PILE!

YEOW!

BONG!

YOU SURE HEAP CLUMSY!

UGH! MY HEAD SPIN AROUND LIKE-UM TOP!

GET UP AND FINISH CHOP-UM WOOD!

FINALLY ALL THE WOOD IS CHOPPED...

THIS, UFF!... BE-UM HEAP HARD WORK!

YOU MAKE-UM PUFFS LIKE OLD WOMAN! NO PILE-UM STACK TOO HIGH!

EE-YAI! WOOD PILE FALL-UM DOWN!

WELL, YOU NOT LISTEN WHEN ME TRY TO TELL YOU!

ALL RIGHT... GET BUSY AND MAKE-UM PILE AGAIN! THIS TIME DO-UM RIGHT!

BIG ELK, ME GOT-UM HUNCH YOU ENJOY ALL THIS! BUT YOU BETTER NOT ENJOY-UM SO MUCH YOU LAUGH AT ME!

THERE! IT BE ALL DONE! NOW GIVE-UM ME YOUR DOLLAR!

NOT YET! COME ALONG AND ME SHOW-UM YOU NEXT JOB TO DO!

WHAT YOU MEAN... NEXT JOB? YOU NOT TELL ME ABOUT ANYTHING BUT CHOP-UM WOOD!

YOU NOT ASK ME! OF COURSE, F YOU DECIDE YOU NOT WANT-UM DOLLAR!...

ME GIVE UP! SHOW ME NEXT JOB QUICK... SO ME CAN GET-UM DONE IN A HURRY!

ME FIND-UM SHOVEL FOR YOU, FIRST!...

WHEW! ME NEVER KNOW BEFORE YOU HAVE TO DIG-UM HOLE FOR FOOD SCRAPS SO DEEP!

ME HAVE TO DIG LITTLE HOLE EVERY WEEK! NOW LITTLE BEAVER DIG ONE TO LAST WHOLE MONTH!

LOOK! THEY PLAY FOLLOW-UM LEADER!

YES! AND ME BE PLAY-UM TOO, IF THIS NOT BE PO-KO'S BIRTHDAY!

NO! TURNUM ASIDE! GO SOME OTHER PLACE!

WHY YOU MAKE-UM SO MUCH FUSS? PONIES CAN JUMP OVER YOU EASY!

UFF! FOOSH! THIS BE REASON WHY!...

DUCK DOWN! OTHER PONIES COME FAST!

ME BE LEADER! EVERYBODY FOLLOW ME!

BIG ELK! YOU SEE-UM LITTLE BEAVER ANYWHERE?

NOT RIGHT NOW, ME DON'T!

WELL, TELL-UM HIM TO COME PLAY WITH US IF YOU DO!

ME TRY-UM TO REMEMBER!

FOR MINUTE ME THINK-UM THEY BURY ME! WHAT DID PO-KO YELL?

IT NOT BE IMPORTANT! FINISH DIG-UM HOLE!

ME SUPPOSE SHE STILL BE-UM MAD AT ME! NOW WHAT CAN ME GET THAT MAKE HER LIKE ME AGAIN?...

WORK-UM FASTER! YOU ALMOST BE THROUGH!

WELL, ME HAPPY YOU BE SATISFIED AT LAST WITH HOLE! NOW ME SUPPOSE-UM YOU HAVE MORE EASY JOBS!

JUST ONE MORE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BRING-UM WATER. TO HOGAN FOR MAMA!

YOU DO-UM FINE, LITTLE BEAVER! ONLY TEN MORE TRIPS, YOU BE ALL DONE!

ME SO TIRED ME THINK ME FALL FLAT ON FACE, BEFORE THEN!

ME NEVER WORK SO HARD IN WHOLE LIFE! AND... AI-EE!... ME HAVE TO MAKE-UM A DOLLAR QUICK TO PAY BIG ELK BACK!

LOOK OUT FOR MAMA SHEEP! YOU GO TOO NEAR HER LAMB!

YEOW!

HO! YOU FALL UM ON FACE JUST LIKE YOU SAY!

MAAA!

THUD!

GET-UM UP! NOW IT TAKE YOU ELEVEN MORE TRIPS TO FINISH JOB!

BIG ELK, SOMETIMES IT BE HARD FOR ME TO KEEP ON LIKE-UM YOU!

BUT AT LAST LITTLE BEAVER GETS THE DOLLAR...

HERE YOU BE! AND NOT FORGET TO PAY-UM BACK!

OH, ME NOT! YOU BE SURE TO REMIND ME ABOUT UM HEAP OFTEN!

NOW ME GO TO TOWN AND SEE WHAT ME CAN BUY-UM PO-KO FOR PRESENT!

ME GO WITH YOU!

LATER...

HMPH! IT BE ABOUT TIME YOU SHOW UP! HOW LONG YOU THINK ME WAIT-UM SUPPER, ANYWAY?

HERE, PO-KO! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AND IT COST ME MORE THAN YOU EVER KNOW!

AI-EE! THIS BE MOST PRETTY PRESENT ME EVER GET! BUT... YOU MAKE-UM A MISTAKE, LITTLE BEAVER!

ME NOT HAVE-UM BIRTHDAY UNTIL NEXT MONTH!

WHAT, BUT BIG ELK TELL-UM ME!...

NEXT MONTH! BY THEN, ME WOULD HAVE MADE PLENTY DOLLARS, SHEAR-UM SHEEP!

M-ME JUST LITTLE BOY WHO NO CAN HELP IT IF ME THINK-UM AUGUST COME RIGHT AFTER JUNE!

HO! BY THE TIME LITTLE BEAVER CATCH BIG ELK HIM BE TOO TIRED TO DO ANYTHING! AND... AI-EE!... HIM BE TOO TIRED ALSO TO STOP ME FROM GIVE-UM HIM KISS FOR PRETTY PRESENT!

Some Indian Symbols

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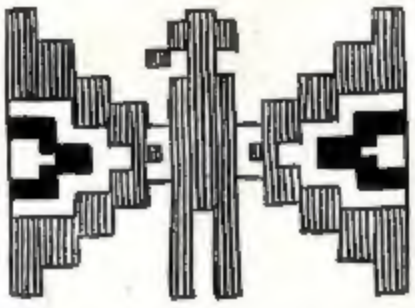
BEAR TRACK
GOOD OMEN

RAIN
GOOD CROPS

THUNDERBIRDS
SACRED SYMBOLS
OF HAPPINESS



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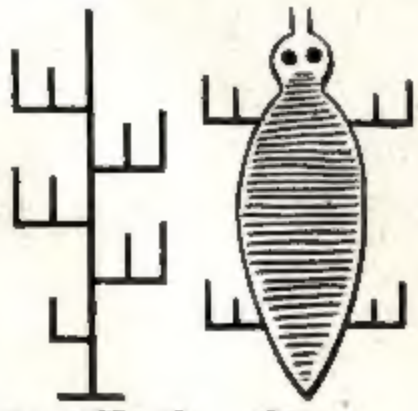

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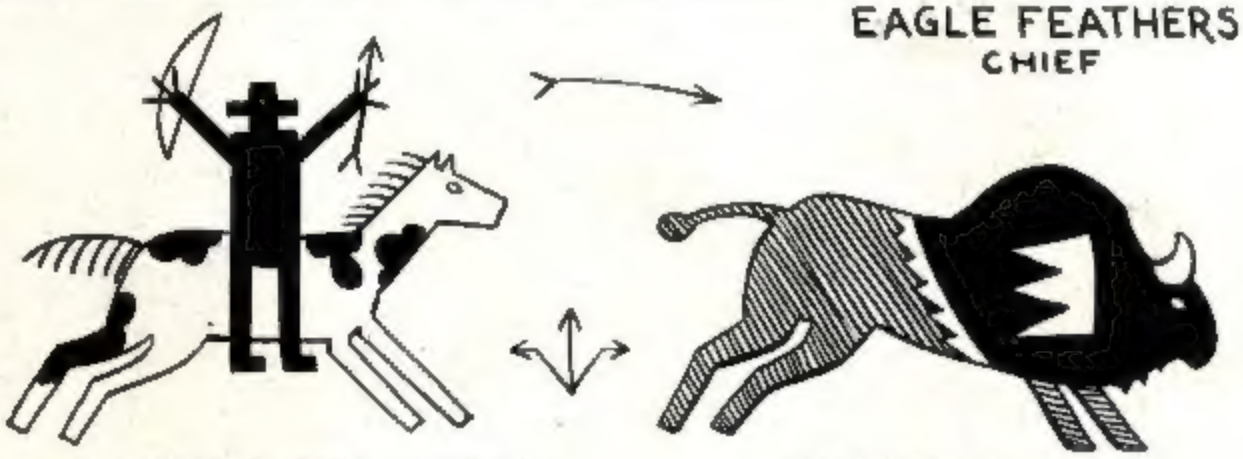

HUNTER ON HORSE BUFFALO
PLENTY HUNTING

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